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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,
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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, B. C.,
Monday, 10th February, 1879.

The Grand Lodge convened at 11 o'clock, A. M., at Odd Fellows' Hall. Present:

W. J. Jeffree	M. W. Grand Master.
A. Phillips	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Wriglesworth	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
H. Waller	W. Grand Marshal.
H. Elliott	W. Grand Conductor.
M. J. Goode	W. Grand Guardian.
F. Carne	W. Grand Herald.
R. W. Fawcett, (pro. tem.)	W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present, whereupon the Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and the Grand Lodge was declared opened for business.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials:

J. P. Goodhue, of No. 2.
W. D. McKillican, of No. 4.
F. Carne, of No. 1.

Credentials of members read and referred to Committee on Credentials, who reported as follows:

VICTORIA, 10th February, 1879.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of members and report as follows, that—

C. Gowen,
J. Weiler,
J. Sehl,
T. J. Partridge,
J. S. Drummond,
A. Phillips,

J. York,
C. Hayward,
F. Carne,
J. D. Robinson,
R. Roberts,

Of No. 1.

J. H. Meldram,
H. Waller,
W. J. Jeffree,
J. P. Goodhue,

J. Sears,
G. H. Maynard,
W. F. Archibald,
W. Shears,

Of No. 2.

H. Elliott,
B. W. Shiles,

C. N. Trew,
W. McColl,

Of No. 3.

J. Wriglesworth,
Chas. Todd,
W. D. McKillican,

M. J. Goode,
E. Fletcher,

Of No. 4.

Are duly accredited Representatives. That—

W. H. Huxtable,
S. T. Styles,
G. W. Anderson,
Eggar Fawcett,
E. C. Holden,
H. Gribble,

D. Dale,
J. Gosnell,
C. Hegele,
Joshua Davies,
J. M. Read,

Of No. 1.

J. P. Davies
Wm. Harrison,
Jas. Fell,
M. Humber,

R. W. Fawcett,
A. B. Gray,
L. Vigelius,
L. Wilton,

Of No. 2.

Thos. Shotbolt,
H. Smith,
W. C. Loye,

Job Batchelor,
Andrew J. Gray,

Of No. 4.

Are entitled to seats. And—

Reuben Albertstone of No. 1.

W. F. Archibald, { of No. 2.
Walter Shears, }

E. Fletcher of No. 4.

Are entitled to the Grand Lodge degree.

We have to report no returns for either Representatives or Past Grands from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, send no returns except for Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. P. GOODHUE, P. G.,
W. D. MCKILLICAN,
F. CARNE,

Committee on Credentials.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Marshall was instructed to retire and introduce the Past Grands in attendance, and the G. L. Degree was conferred on the following:

G. H. Maynard,	 of No. 2.
Joseph Sears,	
W. F. Archibald,	
Walter Shears,	
E. Fletcher.....	 of No. 4.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. C. N. Trew, of No. 3, to fill vacancy in Committee on Finance.

The Grand Master then read his report as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

VICTORIA, February 10th, 1879.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PAST GRANDS:—Again we meet, as is the custom and law of our Order, to legislate for the interest of Odd Fellowship, and for the good of the human family. The finger of time marks with unerring certainty the passage of one year since we were last gathered in annual communication, and is there one heart among us that rejoiceth not for the manifold benefits bestowed on us by our Supreme Grand Master? Is there one brother here who cannot join with us in peace offering and praise for all the blessings vouchsafed us during the year? If so, then, indeed, he is ungrateful and unworthy the name he bears, for while other countries have been suffering from war, famine and pestilence, ours has been blessed with peace, plenty and health.

Our beloved Order in this Jurisdiction is advancing slowly but surely, and this slow and sure advancement I hold to be the true and solid progress of our admirable institution. May wisdom guide you in all your deliberations; may peace, harmony and good will characterize every thought, word and action.

On the 12th of February, 1878, I granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold a Ball in the name of the Order on the 14th of that month.

On March the 30th, 1878, I granted dispensations to all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction to celebrate the 59th Anniversary of our Order on the 26th of April.

In May I received a circular from the Grand Lodge U. S. calling attention to the unlawful practice in some Jurisdictions of having the form of Funeral Ceremony printed and bound with their Constitution and By-Laws. I sent this circular to all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, calling their particular attention to its contents, and I understand that all those Lodges heretofore having the "form" appended to their By-Laws have caused the same to be destroyed.

I received an "Appeal" from the Grand Lodge District of Columbia stating that Fred. D. Stuart, Past Grand Sire, is dead, and that he left a daughter unprovided for. The brethren of that district are anxious to erect a suitable memorial to his memory and to provide for the orphan. I sent this to the several Lodges, and regret to state that there has been no response.

July 1st, 1878, in company with Bro. J. D. Robinson, Grand Secretary, I visited New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, and installed the Officers.

On the 2nd of July, I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to hold a public installation.

On the 5th of July, I installed the Officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, at Nanaimo, in company with Bro. Grand Secretary.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers, I installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on the 10th, Dominion Lodge, No. 4, on the 11th, and Victoria Lodge, No. 1, on the 15th, all in the month of July, 1878.

In September I received a Postal Card from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, appealing for help for the sufferers by the terrible scourge of yellow fever which

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at that time was raging in the city of Memphis. I lost no time in bringing the matter before the Lodges in this city, all of which immediately responded with a gift of \$10 each. I then forwarded it to New Westminster Lodge and it gave \$10. Being anxious to forward the money as quickly as possible I placed it in the hands of the Agent of Wells, Fargo & Co. of this city, who kindly forwarded it free of charge. I then sent the card to Black Diamond Lodge and it sent \$10 for the same cause; this amount I immediately sent by cheque payable in New York, and communicated with Marcus Jones, President of the Relief Association, and in due course received acknowledgement.

In company of the Grand Officers I installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on the 8th of January, 1879, the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, on the 9th of January, and Victoria Lodge, No. 1, on the 13th of January.

Bro. S. T. Styles, D.D.G.M. for District No. 1, reports "That on the 25th of March, 1878, he granted Dominion Lodge, No. 4, a dispensation to confer the five degrees on a Brother who was about to leave for the interior of British Columbia, and that on April 5th, he granted a dispensation to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to confer the first three degrees in less time than the law allows on a Bro. about to leave for the Cassiar Mines."

The D.D.G.M. for District No. 2, Bro. H. V. Edmonds, reports as follows: "I have to report that during my term of office no appeals or decisions have been referred to me. The only official act that I have been called on to perform has been to install the Officers of No. 3 Lodge, which I did on the 16th of January. I have much pleasure in stating that No. 3 Lodge continues to prosper, its progress although slow being sure."

In F. L. T., I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours Fraternally,

H. V. EDMONDS,

D.D.G.M. of District No. 2.

Bro. E. Quesnell, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, reports that Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5 is progressing but he hopes to see a large increase of members during the year. He regrets that the Representatives from that Lodge are unable to attend. The Nanaimo Brethren are seriously talking of starting a new Lodge at Wellington.

From these reports you will see that my D.D. have not been called on to decide any questions of law, and that the whole Jurisdiction is working in peace and harmony.

In conclusion, I desire to tender you all my grateful acknowledgements for the many acts of kindness extended to me during my official term. To our R. W. Grand Secretary I am under many obligations for his kind attentions.

Fraternally Yours,

W. J. JEFFREE,

Grand Master.

Moved by Rep. J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., "That the report be received, and that a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in report to the different standing committees." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Rep. J. S. Drummond, P. G. M., of No. 1,

" H. Waller, of No. 2,

" C. Gowen, of No. 1.

Report from Grand Secretary read as follows, and referred to Committee on Finance:

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,

VICTORIA, B. C., 10th February, 1879.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I beg to report the following transactions of this office for the past year, viz:

Whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	496
Initiated during the year	28
Admitted by Card	2
Withdrawn	5
Reinstated	5
Suspended	0
Expelled	0
Rejected	7
Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	29
Resigned	0
Deceased	5
Number of Past Grands	74
Amount of annual receipts	\$10,872 73
Amount of current expenses of Lodges	2,798 68
Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	316

Balance Sheet Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., 10th February, 1879.

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
10	Stock Account	\$177 35	
23	Grand Treasurer	113 68	
35	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	1 25	
41	Profit and Loss		481 78
43	Furniture and Regalia	189 50	
		\$481 78	\$481 78

Amount of Cash received during the year.

FOR SUPPLIES:			
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	\$11 50		
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	6 00		
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	2 50		
Sundry Persons	6 25		
		\$ 26 25	
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1878:			
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	114 40		
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	86 45		
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	44 85		
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	46 80		
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	37 05		
		329 55	
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1878:			
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	60 20		
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	44 45		
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	24 15		
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	24 85		
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	19 95		
		173 60	
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to R.W. Grand Treasurer			\$529 40

Amount of Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

1878.					
Feb'y 12th—	Order No. 1,	favor of C. McMillan, services as Janitor...	\$ 10 00		
"	"	" 2, " R. Roberts, M.W.G.M., mileage....	20 00		
"	"	" 3, " W. J. Jeffree, R.W.D.G.M., ..	20 00		
"	"	" 4, " J. D. Robinson, R.W.G.S., ..	20 00		
"	"	" 5, " H. Waller, Rep. No. 2, ..	20 00		
"	"	" 6, " M. J. Goode, " 4, ..	20 00		
July 18th,	"	" 7, " A. Rose, acct. printing Supplies....	29 00		
"	"	" 8, " A. Rose, on acct. " Proceedings.	60 00		
"	"	" 9, " G.L.U.S., for supplies	8 35		
"	"	" 10, " G.S., for sundries	5 75		
"	"	" 11, " R. Roberts, account for Regalia....	40 00		
"	"	" 12, " G.S., on account of salary	200 00		
1879.					
Jan'y 11th,	"	" 13, " McMillan & Son, printing.....	15 00		
13th,	"	" 14, " G.S., ac. T.N.Hibben & Co., stat'ery	6 63		
31st,	"	" 15, " " balance of salary	50 00		
"	"	" 16, " " postage and rent of P. O. Box.	5 00		
				\$529 73	

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report.....	\$114 01
Total amount of Cash received	529 40
	\$643 41
Less Orders drawn	529 73
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of.....	\$113 68

STOCK ACCOUNT.

	Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last report	\$143 04	
PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:		
400 Initiation Petitions.....	\$ 4 00	
5 Order Books on Treasurer @ \$5 00.....	25 00	
6 books Odes with music, 1		
7 " Forms, 1	9 35	
		38 35
Profit on sales made during the year.....		23 46
SOLD DURING THE YEAR:		
2 White's Digest, 1874.....	7 50	
34 Visiting Cards	8 50	
1 Order Book on Treasurer	6 50	
4 Books Forms	5 00	
		27 50
STOCK STILL ON HAND:		
2 Books Forms @ \$1 00.....	2 00	
3 Books Forms, (new) @ \$1 00	3 00	
6 Books Odes with music @ 65 cts	3 90	
400 Initiation Petitions	4 00	
4 Order Books on Treasurer @ \$5 00.....	20 00	
8 Charge Books @ \$2 60	20 80	
8 Degree Books "	20 80	
4 Rebekah Books "	10 40	

175 Lodge Odes @ 7 cts.....	12 25
50 Diplomas @ 65 cts.....	32 50
6 White's Digest, 1874, @ \$3 12½.....	18 75
3 Officers Roll Books @ \$2 50.....	7 50
50 Visiting Cards @ 21 cts.....	10 50
20 Withdrawal Cards @ 21 cts.....	4 20
25 Dismissal Certificates @ 21 cts.....	5 25
Orders for P.W.....	1 50

Being the balance to Dr. of said account as per Balance

Sheet 177 35

\$204 85 \$204 85

NAMES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

With the number of Representatives each is entitled to at the present Session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.....	11 Representatives.
Columbia Lodge, No. 2.....	8 ..
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.....	4 ..
Dominion Lodge, No. 4.....	5 ..
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	4 ..

From the returns of Subordinates to 31st December, I find there has been a loss in membership during the past year of 4: this is no doubt to be attributed to the continued depression in business. No new Lodges have as yet been started although at the beginning of last year there was every likelihood of one at Burrard Inlet, but up to the present time nothing has been done.

Previous to the annual session of the Grand Lodge, U. S., in September, I forwarded a communication to Grand Secretary Ridgely calling his attention to the petition for remission of tax of 1877 by the Committee of Finance. I find by the printed proceedings, which only came to hand last week, that our tax has been credited, and we will, therefore, not have this amount to pay until we have 10 Subordinate Lodges in the Province.

I am pleased to report that I am, by the assistance granted by the Grand Lodge at last session, in a comfortable office, where the books and papers of the Grand Lodge are at hand. The rent is heavier than I expected, viz. \$10 per month, but it is worth the money, and in the course of the year, as you are all aware, the new Hall will be erected. In that building a good office is provided for the Grand Secretary, with a fire-proof vault where papers and documents belonging to the Order can be deposited in safety. These premises will, it is anticipated, be ready for occupation by the end October next, so that our session of 1880 will be held in the new Hall.

On the 29th September, the President of the Odd Fellows' Union, handed me the Constitution and By-Laws of that body for approval. I consulted with the Grand Master as to the proper course to pursue, and we both considered that the Legislative Committee was the proper one to examine and report upon the same. I immediately handed the document to the chairman of that Committee, and on the following day, 1st October, had it returned to me approved of by three of the committee, the other two members being in New Westminster could not be obtained. I however hand in the document to the Grand Lodge with this report for their action on the examination made by the majority of the Legislative Committee.

The Appeal papers in the case of Samuel Sea v. Columbia Lodge, No. 2, laid over from last session, I handed to the Appeal Committee together with the letter of the Appellant for them to take what action they considered necessary in the case.

I also handed to the Committee two appeals from Bro. Wm. Harrison, P. G., handed to me from Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

I have to report that the Secretary of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, notified me of a clerical error in the Amendments to their By-Laws at last session in the Terms of Admission, viz: in

ARTICLE XV.

Should read, 45 and under 50 years of age..\$ 5 00 for every additional year.
 " 50 years and over..... 10 00 " "

This I reported to the Chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates, who stated that there could be no objection, and as they were desirous of having their By-Laws printed that they might consider it as approved of.

I received from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, amendment to their By-Laws which I handed on the 15th July to the chairman of Committee on Laws of Subordinates; they have not been returned to me approved, and I presume will be brought before the Grand Lodge by the Committee.

I have to report having procured a set of Regalia for the elective Grand Officers, during recess, which have been paid for out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

As usual, I have forwarded to the several Grand Secretaries, a copy of our proceedings, and also to many others who wrote to me for copies, and I find that out of 150 copies printed there are only ten left, which I consider insufficient. In future I will require to get a larger number printed so as to have more in reserve for binding hereafter.

The correspondence of the year has been all attended to promptly, but as there is nothing to bring before the Grand Lodge for action, I merely make a note of the same.

Annexed you will find Abstract of Reports of Subordinates as usual, to be appended to proceedings of the session, when printed.

In conclusion, Representatives and Brothers, I have to thank you for the courtesy and confidence reposed in me, which I assure you I appreciate, and endeavor to conduct the affairs entrusted to me as carefully as possible.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
 Grand Secretary.

Report read from Grand Treasurer and referred to Committee on Finance:

VICTORIA, B. C., February 10th, 1879.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I herewith submit the following report of Receipts and Expenditure on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge, for the year ending February 10th, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 12, 1878.—To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$114 01	
Feb. 10, 1879.—To cash from G. S. during the year.....	529 40	
		\$643 41

EXPENDITURE.

As per Orders submitted, viz: from 1 to 16 .	\$529 73
Balance on Hand	\$113 68

Respectfully submitted,

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
 Grand Treasurer.

Appeal of David F. Fee, from Columbia Lodge, No. 2, read, and was, on motion, referred to Committee on Appeals.

The following notice of motion was given by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, which was laid on the table:

I hereby give notice that, on the 11th of February, I shall move the following addenda to Section 2, Article IV., of the Constitution of Subordinates, viz: "Provided always that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of \$10 per week for each dollar of monthly contributions, and provided always that no Lodge shall continue to pay the above rates of benefits for a longer period than six months continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly contribution. And further, that after the expiration of 12 months continuous sickness no Lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of \$5 00 per week for each dollar of monthly contribution.

C. HAYWARD.

The Grand Lodge hereupon took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at 2 o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Report read from Committee on Distribution, as follows:

VICTORIA, 10th February, 1879.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF B. C.:

Your Committee appointed to distribute the Grand Master's Report would respectfully report —

That so much of his report as refers to granting dispensations be approved.

So far as the instructions from the G.L.U.S. is concerned, we would ask the instructions be adhered to.

So far as the energies of the G. M. was concerned in relieving the distress existing in Memphis, Tennessee, meets with our hearty approval, each Lodge donating \$10 00, in all \$50 00, the receipt of which is before us.

So far as the reports of D.D.G.M. is concerned, we are proud to report that no questions of law in dispute have been subjected for their decision.

We would, therefore, recommend that the G. M. Report be adopted as read, without further reference to Standing Committees.

J. S. DRUMMOND,

H. WALLER,

CHS. GOWEN.

Moved by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Appeal case of Samuel Sea laid over from last session read, together with replies of Bro. Sea obtained during recess, and the report of last year's committee. Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That the documents be handed to Committee on Appeals." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Appeals in the matter of Wm. Harrison against the action of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2, as follows:

\$643 41

\$529 73

\$113 68

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I. O. O. F. HALL,
VICTORIA, February 10th, 1879. }

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

We, the undersigned Committee on Appeals, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined into the case of Bro. W. Harrison's appeal against the part Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., took in the formation of the Constitution of the Odd Fellows' Union of Victoria, B. C., etc., etc., and also against the Constitution of the Union itself. Would recommend that the appeal of Bro. W. Harrison be not sustained, as your committee are of the opinion that Bro. Harrison had no sufficient grounds for making any at all, as shown as follows:

1st Objection is met by Article V. of the Constitution of the Union, which your committee are of opinion, gives sufficient security to the Lodge.

2nd Objection is without foundation, as the Trustees of Columbia Lodge were instructed by resolution of the Lodge to transfer the property mentioned.

3rd Objection is duly met by Articles II. and XIII. of the Constitution of the Union.

4th Objection—duality of office, mentioned by Bro. Harrison, appears to have been the rule hitherto in this Jurisdiction, and your committee see no reason why (as it does not violate any law) such rule or precedent should be altered to please or suit any individual member.

R. ROBERTS,
JAS. P. GOODHUE,
JOS. YORK,
J. SEHL,
C. TODD.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 2, and carried.

Report read from same committee on second appeal of Wm. Harrison, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF B. C.:

In the case of an appeal by Bro. Harrison, dated Oct. 9th, 1878, the Committee on Appeals have to report—

That the substance of this appeal has already been dealt with by your committee in a former appeal, dated Sept. 11th, 1878.

With respect to clause 4, reflecting upon the action of your Committee on Legislation, we are of opinion that we can take no action in the matter, it being an *ex parte* statement made by Bro. Harrison, without producing any proof whatever of his statements being true.

With respect to clauses 7 and 8, your committee would recommend that Bro. Harrison should make such charges as are contained therein against members of the Odd Fellows' Union in their respective Lodges, this committee having no jurisdiction with respect to such matters.

Your committee would recommend that the contents of this paper, called an appeal, be not entertained.

(Signed)

R. ROBERTS,
J. YORK,
J. SEHL,
C. TODD,
J. P. GOODHUE.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Report from same committee read in the matter of Samuel Sea, as follows:

SAMUEL SEA versus COLUMBIA LODGE.

VICTORIA, February 6th, 1878.

We, the Committee on Appeals, respectfully report that we have fully examined into the merits of the case, and are of opinion, that according to the evidence set forth—

1st. That Bro. S. Sea has received at the hands of Columbia Lodge all that he is justly and legally entitled to.

2nd. That Bro. S. Sea has acknowledged that he did work at several times and was able to do light work.

3rd. That offers of assistance were made to him by Columbia Lodge, but were declined, but preferred to rest his case upon Sections 190, 192, and 194 of White's Digest, 1874 but we are of opinion that these sections do not meet his case.

4th. The Bro. having acknowledged that he walked to Cadboro Bay and back, and worked in his garden for some weeks, is proof to our minds that Bro. Samuel Sea was able to work at some employment sufficient to gain a livelihood.

We, the Committee, therefore recommend, that the action of Columbia Lodge be sustained.

CHS. GOWEN,
J. SEHL,
JOHN M. READ,
W. D. McKILLICAN,
JOHN M. MELDRAM.

Committee of 1878.

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to endorse the within report.

(Signed)

R. ROBERTS,
J. YORK,
C. TODD,
JAS. P. GOODHUE,
J. SEHL.

Committee of 1879.

VICTORIA, February 9th, 1879.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Shears, of No. 2, and carried.

Report from same committee read on the appeal of D. F. Fee, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Appeals beg leave to report on the appeal of Bro. D. F. Fee, as follows:

The Committee of Trial on the charge preferred against Bro. Fee, in our opinion, went beyond their commission in reporting Bro. Fee not entitled to benefits; their business being to say, GUILTY or NOT GUILTY to the charge and nothing more.

The evidence given before a committee which reported Sept. 25th, 1878, which report was adopted by Columbia Lodge prior to the charge of defrauding the Lodge, not being before your Committee on Appeals, we are unable to report as to the merits of the appeal against the action of the Lodge on September 25th.

Your Committee would recommend that this appeal be not sustained, and that Bro. Fee be at liberty to appeal against the action of the Lodge taken on

the 25th Sept. 1878, so that the evidence at that trial may be placed before your Committee on Appeals.

(Signed)

R. ROBERTS,
J. YORK,
C. TODD,
J. P. GOODHUE,
J. SEHL,

Committee on Appeals,

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.
Report read from Committee on Finance, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 10th, 1879.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that they have examined the books, vouchers and returns of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and have much pleasure in stating that they find them correct in every respect.

CHAS. HAYWARD,
C. NEWLAND TREW,
W. D. McKILLCAN,
JOHN H. MELDRAM.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, P. G. M., of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Sears, of No. 2, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Legislation on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Odd Fellows' Union, referred to them during recess, as follows:

VICTORIA, Oct. 1st, 1878.

Having examined the law regulating such matters as are herein contained and as the Legislative Committee G. L. of B. C., we give consent to the same:

J. S. DRUMMOND,
GEO. W. ANDERSON,
THOS. R. MITCHELL,
C. NEWLAND TREW,
WM. McCOLL.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That should an application be made by a member, during recess, for a copy of the appeals of Bro. Harrison, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to give the same." Seconded by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2, and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Finance beg to recommend that the sum of eighty dollars be appropriated for the mileage of four Representatives from New Westminster, viz:

Bro. B. W. Shiles, R.W.G.W.	\$20 00
" H. Elliott, W.G. Cond.	20 00
" C. N. Trew, Rep. of No. 3	20 00
" W. McColl, "	20 00

\$80 00

CHAS. HAYWARD,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

February 10th.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the report be received and adopted." Seconded by Rep. Todd, of No. 4.

Moved as an amendment by Rep. Schl, of No. 1, "That an order be drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer for \$20 in favor of the R. W. Grand Warden, and an order for \$20 in favor of the Representative entitled to the same." Seconded by Rep. Shears, of No. 2.

The amendment was put and carried.

Original motion lost.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates report that they have examined the amendments to the By-Laws of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, referred to them, and would recommend the adoption of the same by this worthy body, viz:

ARTICLE XI.

The 14th line strike out the word "which" and insert the word "any."

16th line of same Article, after the word, Lodge, insert the words "such funds to be recouped by half-yearly assessment *pro rata* on the members."

ARTICLE XV.

14th line substitute,

" For Initiation, if under 25 years of age	\$20 00
" Over 25 years and under 35	25 00
" Over 35 " 40	30 00
" Over 40 " 45	2 00
" additional for every year over 40, and \$5 additional for every year	
" over 45 and not exceeding 50 years, and \$10 for every additional	
" year over 50 years.	
" For admission by deposit of card, as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or for	
" non-affiliated, if under 35 years of age	\$10.
" When 35 years of age and over, the increase in the scale of initiation	
" fees to be added in accordance with age."	

ARTICLE XVIII.

The 20th line, after the word "course" insert the following:—"Every candidate shall, previous to joining this Lodge by initiation or affiliation, furnish the Lodge with a certificate of health signed by a duly qualified medical practitioner residing in the City of Victoria."

Line 27th of the same Article, after the word "same" strike out to end of Article and substitute, as follows:—"And all members now on the Roll of this Lodge, or who may thereafter be admitted to membership, shall maintain and abide by these By-Laws, or any addition or amendment thereto which may hereafter be made."

We also recommend that the amendment to Article XV. of Victoria Lodge By-Laws, which was omitted last session, and mentioned by the R. W. Grand Secretary in his report, be also approved.

H. WALLER,
CHS. GOWEN,
JOSEPH SEAKS.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until half-past eight o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session at half-past eight o'clock, p. m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

The Grand Marshall was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the following were introduced and received the G. L. Degree:

D. Dale,	}	 of No. 1.
E. Fawcett,		
R. Albertstone,		
Andrew J. Gray		 of No. 4.

Report read from Special Committee on Fines, Fees, &c., as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Special Committee have still in consideration the all important subject, viz., that in regard to fines, fees, dues and benefits, beg to make report similar to last session, that no conclusion has as yet been come to, waiting as we did at last communication, for some definite decision of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States. It is a matter of great importance, and the Committee of the Grand Lodge of the U. S. having more facilities to gain information on this subject, we would ask that your Committee have further time.

J. S. DRUMMOND,
W. J. JEFFREE,
Special Committee.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That further time be granted." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

The hour for nominations of Officers having arrived, the following Past Grands were nominated:

FOR M. W. GRAND MASTER.

A. Phillips, Representative of No. 1,	Nominated by Rep. Fletcher, of No. 4
C. Gowen, Representative of No. 1,	Nominated by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4

FOR R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

J. Wriglesworth, Representative of No. 4,	Nominated by Rep. Partridge, of No. 1
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FOR R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

H. Elliott, Representative of No. 3.

Nominated by Rep. Waller of No. 2.

FOR R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

J. D. Robinson, Representative of No. 1.

Nominated by Rep. Weiler, P. G. M., of No. 1.

FOR R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

J. Davies, P. G., of No. 1.

Nominated by Rep. Goodhue, of No. 2.

H. Waller, Representative of No. 2.

Nominated by Rep. Shiles, of No. 3.

J. P. Goodhue, Representative of No. 2.

Nominated by Rep. Goode, of No. 4.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Todd, of No. 4, and Rep. McColl, of No. 3, as tellers.

ELECTION.

FOR M. W. GRAND MASTER.

37 Votes Cast.

A. Phillips	received 16
C. Gowen	" 21

C. Gowen having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected.

FOR R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

There being no opposition J. Wriglesworth was declared elected by acclamation.

FOR R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

There being no opposition H. Elliott was declared elected by acclamation.

FOR R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

There being no opposition J. D. Robinson was declared elected by acclamation.

FOR R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

36 Votes Cast.

J. Davies	received 7
H. Waller	" 19
J. P. Goodhue	" 10

H. Waller having received a majority of all votes cast was declared duly elected.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates, as follows:

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

SIRS AND BROTHERS.—The amendments from Columbia Lodge, No. 2, submitted to your Committee have been approved.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
CHS. GOWEN,
JOSEPH SEARS,
ANDREW GRAY,
HENRY WALLER,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

ARTICLE XV.

All persons admitted as members of this Lodge shall pay the following for initiation:

21 and under 25 years of age		\$20 00
25 " 35 "		25 00
35 " 45 "	\$ 2 00 additional for every additional year	
45 " 50 "	\$ 5 00 additional for every additional year	
50 years and upwards		\$10 00 additional for every additional year
For admission by Card as an Ancient Odd Fellow, or for non-		
affiliate, if under 35 years of age		
		10 00
When 35 years of age and over, the increase in the scale of initiation		
fees to be added in accordance with age.		

ARTICLE XX.

SEC. 4.—This Lodge may, if they deem it necessary, engage a physician to visit any sick member for the purpose of ascertaining the nature, cause and origin of his sickness or affliction, and report the same to this Lodge; the physician to be accompanied (if possible) by one of the Visiting Committee. Should he (the sick member) refuse to be seen or examined by the visiting physician he shall forfeit all claim to benefits for such sickness or affliction, and any member detected imposing or trying to impose on the funds of this Lodge, shall be fined ten dollars, and the amount that he has received by such imposition (if any), the said fines to be charged to his account, and at the end of the term in which such fines occurred it shall be recorded against him as dues, and be governed in all respects by Section 2, Article XXII. of these By-Laws. Carried unanimously.

R. W. FAWCETT, Secretary.

ARTICLE XXII.

SEC. 2.—The following to come after the word "member" in the sixth line: "And he cannot be reinstated without a certificate signed by a physician stating that he is perfectly sound in health in every particular." Carried unanimously.

R. W. FAWCETT, Secretary.

(Signed). H. WALLER.

Moved by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1, P.G.M., and carried.

Report read from Committee on Finance, as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that the Estimated Income for the year 1879, is as follows:

\$1 Capita Tax on 496 members	\$496 00
Profit on sales, (say)	20 00
Balance on hand	113 68
Sale of Goods	30 00

Total Receipts..... \$659 68

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of Grand Secretary	\$250 00
Stationery, &c.....	30 00
Mileage	40 00
Janitor	15 00
Printing Reports.....	100 00
Book G. L. U. S.	50 00
Sundries, not detailed.....	20 00
Estimated expense of removal to new building and fitting.....	150 00

Total estimated expenditure..... \$655 00

The above are the figures on which our recommendation to assess Subordinates is based.

We further recommend that an appropriation of fifteen dollars be made and divided between the two janitors in attendance during this session.

We have, therefore, to recommend that an assessment of 65 cents per capita and 35 cents per capita, payable on June 30th and Dec. 31st respectively, be levied on Subordinates.

CHAS. HAYWARD,
C. N. TREW,
W. D. McKILLICAN.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, of No. 1. P. G. M., "That the report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, and carried.

On motion, leave was granted to take Rep. Hayward's motion (p. 131) from the table, and after considerable discussion on the question, it was moved by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, "That the matter be laid over until next session." Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

On motion the Grand Lodge then adjourned until tomorrow evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

11TH FEBRUARY, 1879.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 7.30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Master. Present:

W. J. Jeffree	M. W. Grand Master.
B. W. Shiles	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
J. Wriglesworth	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
H. Waller	W. Grand Marshall.
H. Elliott	W. Grand Conductor.
M. J. Goode	W. Grand Guardian.
F. Carne	W. Grand Herald.
R. W. Fawcett, (pro. tem.)	W. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

Minutes of previous day's session read, and on motion adopted.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, "That the G. L. at its rising-to-night do stand adjourned *sine die*." Seconded by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, "That the thanks of this G. L. be tendered to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for the use of this Hall and Regalia during the present session." Seconded by Rep. Elliott, of No. 3, and carried.

There being no further business to bring forward the installation of Officers was proceeded with. C. Gowen, G. M. elect, was presented by J. Weiler, P.G.M., and Rep. Hayward for obligation, and was duly installed into office.

The M.W.G.M. then installed the following Officers:

J. Wriglesworth	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. Elliott	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson	R. W. Grand Secretary.
H. Waller	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The M.W.G.M. then appointed the following Officers, which were, on motion, approved of and installed into office:

M. J. Goode	W. Grand Marshall.
W. McColl	W. Grand Conductor.
W. F. Archibald	W. Grand Guardian.
J. Sears	W. Grand Herald.
T. J. Partridge	W. Grand Chaplain.

The M.W.G.M. then appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

W. J. Jeffree, of No. 2,	W. D. McKillican, of No. 4,
G. W. Anderson, of No. 1,	B. W. Shiles, of No. 3,
	J. York, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS:

C. Hayward, of No. 1,	J. Sears, of No. 2,
T. Shotbolt, of No. 4,	J. H. Meldram, of No. 2,
	R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES:

E. Fletcher, of No. 4,	W. F. Archibald, of No. 2,
A. Phillips, of No. 1,	M. J. Goode, of No. 4,
	C. Hayward, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS:

D. Dale, of No. 1, H. Smith, of No. 4,
G. H. Maynard, of No. 2, J. M. Read, of No. 1,
 B. W. Shiles, of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF ORDER:

J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, R. W. Fawcett, of No. 2,
 J. Davies, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION:

A. J. Gray, of No. 4, J. Gosnell, of No. 1,
W. C. Loye, of No. 4, M. Humber, of No. 2,
 J. S. Drummond, P.G.M., of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING:

Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer,
 J. Batchelor, of No. 4.

The M.W.G.M. also appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters:

C. Todd, P. G., of No. 4, for District No. 1.
C. N. Trew, P. G., of No. 3, " 2.
Geo. Norris, P. G., of No. 5, " 3.

Moved by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, "That the appointments be confirmed." Seconded by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to Past Grand Master Jeffree for the able manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge has been conducted during the present session." Seconded by Rep. Todd, of No. 4, and carried unanimously.

Moved by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, "That a jewel be procured and presented to Past Grand Master Jeffree." Seconded by Rep. Todd, of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Waller, of No. 2, "That Rep. Hayward be a committee of one to carry out the previous resolution." Seconded by Rep. Todd, of No. 4, and carried.

Rep. Trew, of No. 3, gave the following notice of motion, viz:

"That at the next session of this Grand Lodge, I will move that this Grand Lodge do hold its annual session of 1881, at the City of New Westminster."

C. N. TREW.

Minutes of the day were then read, and on motion confirmed.

The Grand Chaplain offered up closing prayer and the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,
Grand Secretary.



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Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Members in good Standing.	Revenue.
Victoria.....	1	Victoria, V. I.	Monday	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	176	\$1,834 02
Columbia.....	2	Do.	Wednesday	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	133	982 25
New Westminster.....	3	New Westminster, B. C.	Thursday	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	69	834 50
Dominion.....	4	Victoria, V. I.	Thursday	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	72	665 50
Black Diamond.....	5	Nanaimo, V. I.	Wednesday	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	57	425 00
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ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st July, 1878, and ending 31st December, 1878.

Name of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Decased.	Expelled.	Censured Membership.	Reflected.	Members in good Standing.	Revenue.
Victoria.....	Victoria, V. I.	Monday	2	2	2	2	4	172	\$2,727 01				
Columbia.....	Do.	Wednesday.	2	1	1	1	8	137	1,838 95				
New Westminster.....	New Westminster, B. C.	Thursday	1	1	1	1	1	69	490 50				
Dominion.....	Victoria, V. I.	Thursday	2	1	1	4	71	692 00					
Black Diamond.....	Nanaimo, V. I.	Wednesday	1	1	1	2	2	57	383 00				
			8	3	2	1	19	3	496	\$6,131 46			

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, for the Term commencing 1st January, 1879

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LODGE.	Number.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	RECORD'G SECRETARY.	TREASURER.	PER. SECRETARY.
Victoria.....	1	George Williams.....	Philip J. Hall	F. Davey	J. Weiler, P.G.....	F. Davey.....
Columbia	2	Michael Young.....	Fred'k Norris	R. W. Fawcett, P.G. H. Waller, P.G.....	Joseph Sears, P.G..	
New Westminster..	3	V. B. Tait	J. E. Insley	R. Thomas.....	J. Morey	
Dominion	4	Walter Walker	P. A. Babington	W. H. Dorman.....	W D McKillican, PG	W. H. Dorman.....
Black Diamond....	5	James Wilcox	John Mohrer	John McNeal.....	R. Brown.....	

Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
*For the year ending 31st December, 1878, to the R. W. Grand
 Lodge of the United States.*

Number of Lodges.....	5
“ Initiated.....	28
“ Admitted by Card and as Ancient Odd Fellow.....	2
“ Reinstated	5
“ Withdrawn by Card.....	5
“ Suspended or dropped.....	29
“ Expelled	0
“ Deceased	5
“ Members	496
“ of Brothers relieved	69
“ of Widowed families relieved	1
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	\$ 3,836 50
“ “ “ Widowed families.....	60 00
“ “ Education of Orphan.....	
“ “ Burying the Dead	290 00
“ “ Special Relief	110 00
Total Relief	\$ 4,296 50
Amount of Annual Receipts.....	\$10,872 73
Amount of current expenses of Lodges.....	\$ 2,798 63
Number of weeks for which Sick Benefits were paid.....	316



ADDRESSES

OF THE

Officers & R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

C. GOWEN.....	M. W. GRAND MASTER.....	Victoria.
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.....	"
H. ELLIOTT.....	R. W. GRAND WARDEN.....	New Westminster.
J. D. ROBINSON.....	B. W. GRAND SECRETARY.....	Victoria.
H. WALLER.....	R. W. GRAND TREASURER.....	"
M. J. GOODE.....	W. GRAND MARSHALL.....	"
W. McCOLL.....	W. GRAND CONDUCTOR.....	New Westminster.
W. F. ARCHIBALD.....	W. GRAND GUARDIAN.....	Victoria.
J. SEARS.....	W. GRAND HERALD.....	"
T. J. PARTRIDGE.....	W. GRAND CHAPLAIN.....	"

Past Grand Masters.

J. S. DRUMMOND.....	Victoria.
J. WEILER.....	"
J. P. DAVIES.....	"
R. ROBERTS.....	"
W. J. JEFFREE.....	"

Prices of Supplies.

Charter Fee.....	\$30 00
Charge Books.....	3 00
Degree Books.....	3 00
Degree of Rebekah Books.....	3 00
Institution Books.....	3 00
Cards.....	25
Books of Forms.....	1 25
Books of Odes (with music).....	1 00
White's Digest, 1874.....	3 50
Odes.....	10
Order Books on Treasurer.....	6 50
Receipt Books for Dues.....	6 50
Roll Books.....	3 00
Diplomas.....	1 00
Initiation Petitions, per 100.....	2 00

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